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Current Employment

2022-present Senior Economist. Development Research Group, World Bank

Professional Affiliations

2025- Academic Affiliate, Evidence in Governance and Politics, EGAP
2019- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action, Univ. of California Berkeley, CEGA
2020- Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics, IZA
2017- Research Fellow, CESR, University of Southern California, CESR
2017- Faculty Affiliate, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Econ., USC Schaeffer
2022- Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network, HiCN
2023- Founding Member, Humans LACEA Network
2021- Weiss Funds – Junior Faculty Nominate

Editorial Affiliations

2023-present Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*

Previous Positions:

2022 Contributor, World Development Report 2023: Migration. World Bank
2021 Research Economist. Development Research Group, World Bank
2020-17 Assistant Prof., University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business
2016-15 Economics and Provost's Assistant Prof., University of Southern California
2012 Consultant, Office of Evaluation. Inter-American Development Bank
2012 Center for Studies on Security, Universidad de Los Andes
2010-08 Research Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank
2008 Macro Policy Analyst, Colombian Ministry of Finance and United Nations
2007 Junior Economist, Fedesarrollo
2006 Intern, Colombian Central Bank

Education

2015 University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Economics
2011 University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. in Economics
2008 Universidad de los Andes, M.A., Economics, *Cum Laude* (top 1%)
2007 Universidad de los Andes, B.A., Economics, *Magna Cum Laude* (top 1%)

Research Grants

2025 SIEF, World Bank (397k)
2025 Displaced Livelihoods Initiative, IPA (291K)
2025 Research Support Budget (50K, 30K)
2024 Hilton Foundation (150K, 100K)
2024 JPAL Social Protection Initiative (100K)
2024 IPA Displaced Livelihoods (250K)
2024 Knowledge for Change Program (100K)
2023 Research Support Budget (175K, 30K)

2022 Hilton Foundation (500K)
 2021 Hilton Foundation (500K)
 2021 IPA, Peace, and Recovery (185K)
 2022 RSB, WB Research Group (189K)
 2020 IPA, Peace, and Recovery (100K)
 2020 USC Marshall School of Business (30K)
 2018 NBER Grant (10K)
 2018 USC Marshall School of Business (10K)
 2017 USC Marshall School of Business (30K)

Recognitions and Awards

2025 World Bank's Development Economics Vice Presidency Award
 2025 Juan Luis Londoño Award, Colombia
 2023 Excellence in Refereeing Award, World Bank Economic Review
 2021 Golden Apple Teaching Award, USC Marshall School of Business
 2018 Outlier Research Funding, USC
 2017 Outlier Research Funding, USC
 2015 Provost's Assistant Professor Fellowship, USC
 2014 Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2014-2015, UCLA
 2014 Award for Best Teaching Assistant, UCLA
 2013 Award for Best Teaching Assistant, UCLA
 2012 Award for Best Teaching Assistant, UCLA
 2013 Award for Best Presentation of an Early Career Scholar, ISSDP
 2013 Welton Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in Applied Economics, UCLA
 2012 Honors Field Comprehensive Exams, UCLA
 2010 PhD Scholarship UCLA
 2010 Colombian Central Bank Lauchlin Currie Scholarship for Graduate Studies
 2007 Copenhagen Consensus Scholarship, Youth Forum, IDB
 2007 Academic Excellence Scholarship, Universidad de los Andes M.A.
 2007 National Prize for Best Student in Economics (Colombia), Portafolio, El Tiempo.
 2007 Beca Augusto Cano, Universidad de los Andes, 2007
 2007 National distinction award, top 1% score at ECAES (national college test)
 2004 Universidad de los Andes. B. A. Academic Excellence Scholarship
 2003 Universidad de los Andes. B. A. Academic Excellence Scholarship
 2002 Universidad de los Andes. B. A. Academic Excellence Scholarship

Peer Reviewed Publications

1. Life Out of the Shadows: Impacts of Amnesties in the Lives of Refugees. *Journal of European Economic Association*. Forthcoming. (with: Ana María Ibáñez, Andrés Moya, María Ortega, María Urbina).
2. Protecting the Vulnerable: How Migrant Regularization Reduces Crime and Empowers Women. *Journal of Development Economics*. Forthcoming (Ana María Ibáñez, Dany Bahar, María Urbina)
3. In Someone Else's Shoes: Reducing Prejudice through Perspective Taking. *Journal of Development*. Volume 170, 103309. (with Marisol Rodríguez-Chatruc)
4. Least Protected, Most Affected: Impacts of Migration Amnesties on Pandemic Resilience

- American Economic Review Paper and Proceedings***, 113: 347-51. (with Ana María Ibáñez, Andrés Moya, and María Urbina).
5. Is Murder Bad for Business? Evidence from Colombia. ***The Review of Economics and Statistics***, 100 (5): 769-782
 6. Racial Disparities in the Acquisition of Juvenile Arrest Records (with Steven Raphael). ***Journal of Labor Economics***, 37 (S1): S125-S159.
 7. Give me Your Tired and Your Poor: Impact of Large-Scale Amnesty Program for Undocumented Refugees (with Ana María Ibáñez and Dany Bahar). ***Journal of Development Economics***, 151: 102652
 8. Brothers or Invaders? Effects of Forced Migrants in Voting Behavior (with Juan Fernando Vargas). ***Journal of Development Economics***, 150: 102636
 9. Is a Refugee Crisis a Housing Crisis? Only if Supply is Unresponsive (with Micaela Sviastchi). ***Journal of Development Economics***, 148: 102563
 10. Blessing or Burden? The Impact of Refugees on Businesses and the Informal Economy (with Onur Altindag and Ozan Bakis). ***Journal of Development Economics***, 146:102490
 11. Forced Migration and the Spread of Infectious Diseases (with Ana María Ibáñez and María José Urbina). ***Journal of Health Economics***, 79: 102491
 12. Is Informality Good for Business? The Impacts of IDP on the Formal Productive Sector (with Hernan Winkler). ***The Journal of Human Resources***, 56 (4)
 13. The Unintended Consequences of Deportations: Evidence from Firm Behavior in El Salvador (with Lelys Dinarte, Micaela Sviatschi, Hernan Winkler, Carlos Schmidt, and Antonella Bandiera). ***Economic Development and Cultural Change***, 71 (4).
 14. Electoral Consequences of Easing the Integration of Forced Migrants: Evidence from a Southern Country ***World Development***, *Forthcoming*. (with: Alejandra Quintana, María José Urbina)
 15. Fertility Responses to regularization Programs: Evidence from Forced Venezuelan Migrants in Colombia ***Economic Development and Cultural Change***. *Forthcoming*. (with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, Ana María Ibáñez, and Salvador Traettino).
 16. Deportation, Crime, and Victimization. (with Steven Raphael and Therese Anders). ***Journal of Population Economics***, 34(1), 141-166
 17. Unintended Consequences of Illegal Economic Activities: Illegal Gold Mining and Malaria. ***World Development***, 36: 105119
 18. Discrimination Toward Migrants During Crisis (with Marisol Rodríguez-Chatruc). ***Migration Studies***, 10 (4): 582-607.
 19. On the Effects of Enforcement on Illegal Activities? Evidence from a Quasi-experiment (with Daniel Mejía and Pascual Restrepo). ***World Bank Economic Review*** 31(2): 570-594
 20. Syrian Life Refugee Survey: First Glimpse. ***Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Special Issue on Forced Displacement***, 38 (3): 625–653.. (with: Edward Miguel, Bailey Palmer, Emma Smith, Sarah Stillman, and Abdulrazzak Tamim)
 21. Who Opposes Refugees? Swedish Demographics and Attitudes Towards Forcibly Displaced Populations. ***Oxford Review of Economic Policy, Special Issue on Forced Displacement***, 38 (3): 557–577. (with: María J. Urbina)
 22. The Effects of Youth Training on Risk Behavior: The Role of Non-Cognitive Skills (with Carla Calero). ***IZA Journal of Labor and Development 2016*** (5):12
 23. Creating New Opportunities for Rural Producers: Impact Evaluation of a Pilot Program. (with Yuri Soares, Verónica González and Carlos Morales.) ***Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*** 8 (1):1-46
 24. Payroll Taxes in Colombia: A Theoretical Approach. ***Ensayos Sobre Política Económica*** 26 (57): 72-128

25. Firm Informality in Colombia: Problems and Solutions. *Desarrollo y Sociedad* (63): 209-244. (with Mauricio Cárdenas)
26. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of Firm informality in Colombia. *Desarrollo y Sociedad* (63): 269-296. (with Mauricio Santa María)
27. Beyond bubbles: The role of asset prices in early-warning indicators. *Ensayos Sobre Política Económica*, 26 (56): 114-148. 2008. (with Esteban Gómez)
28. Nuevo enfoque para la construcción de un único indicador líder de la actividad económica colombiana. *Coyuntura Económica* XXXVIII, No. 2, pp. 21-62
29. The Effects of Youth Training on Risk Behavior: The Role of Non-Cognitive Skills. *IZA Journal of Labor and Development* 5 (12): 1-27, (with Carla Calero).

Book Chapters

30. Social Protection and Refugees. Book: *Social Protection Handbook, Forthcoming*. MIT Press. Co-author: Andrés Moya. Edited by: Ben Olken and Rema Hannah. 2025.
31. New Evidence on Immigration and Crime. Book: A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime. Co-author: Paolo Pinnotti. Edited by: P. Buonanno, P. Vanin and J.F. Vargas. 2022.
32. Does crime lower growth? Evidence from Colombia. Commission on Growth and Development. Co-Author: Mauricio Cárdenas. 2008.

Ongoing Work

Rebel Governance and Development: The Persistent Effects of Distrust in El Salvador

Revised and Resubmit. *Review of Economic Studies*.

co-authors: Antonella Bandiera, Lelys Dinarte, Juan Miguel Jimenez, María Micaela Sviatschi

Working Paper Versions: [NBER](#) [WB](#) [PRWP](#)

Housing Subsidies for Refugees: Experimental Evidence on Life Outcomes and Social Integration in Jordan

Submitted

Co-authors: Edward Miguel, Bailey Palmer, Emma Smith, Sarah Stillman, Abdulrazzak Tamim

[Pre-analysis plan \[here\]](#)

[SRLS PAP](#)

Working Paper Versions: [NBER](#), [WB](#) [PRWP](#), [IZA](#) [WP](#)

Forced Displacement, the Perpetuation of Autocratic Leaders, and Development in Origin Countries

Revising

co-authors: Nicolás Cabra and María Micaela Sviastchi

Working Paper Versions: [NBER](#), [WB](#) [PRWP](#)

Little Nomads: Economic and Social Impacts of Migration on Children

Revision Requested: *The World Bank Research Observer*.

co-authors: Magdalena Cortina, and Juan Miguel Jimenez

Working Paper Versions: [WB](#) [PRWP](#)

Research Brief: [English](#)

Right to education: Forced Migration and Child Education Outcomes

R&R World Bank Economic Review.
co-author: Juan Fernando Vargas
Working Paper Versions: [WP PRWP](#)

Impacts of Extremist Ideologies on Refugees' Integration: Evidence from Afghan Refugees in Tajikistan

Submitted.
co-authors: Laurent Bossavie and María José Urbina
Working Paper Versions: [WB PRWP](#)
Research Brief: [English](#)

Refugees and Humanitarian Aid: The Rohingya Impact on Bangladesh's Development

Submitted.
co-authors: Alvin Etang Ndip, María José Urbina, and Christina Wieser
Working Paper Versions: [WB PRWP](#)
Research Brief: [English](#)

The Fine Line between Nudging and Nagging: Increasing Take-up Rates Through Social Media in Colombia

Revising.
co-authors: Andrés Moya and María José Urbina
Working Paper Versions: [PRWP IZA](#)

Work In Progress

Refugee and Host Integration through the Safety Net: Impact Evaluation in Ethiopia
co-authors: Dennis Egger, and Alfredo Manfredini
[Pre-analysis Plan](#)

Forcibly Displaced Childhoods: Longitudinal Evidence from Displaced Youth in Colombia
co-authors: Tatiana Hiller and Andrés Moya

Internet and Fertility
Co-author: Cevat Aksoy

Crime and Prosociality in Latin America
co-author: Sandra Sequiera

TPS and Economic Growth: Evidence from Colombia
Co-author: Roberto Mendoza

Teaching

2021-18	University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business Microeconomics for Businesses Golden Apple Teaching Award
2015-2011	University of California Los Angeles, Economics Department Teaching Ass.: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Introduction to Economics.

Best Teaching Awards
2008-2006 Universidad de los Andes, School of Economics.
Teaching Ass.: Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Economics, Game Theory, Econometrics, and International Economics.

Organizing Committees

2025, 23,22 LACEA HUMANS Network
2018 Impacts of Refugees in Hosting Economies
2018 All California Labor Conference

Seminars and Conferences (by academic/fiscal year)

2024/2025: University of Pittsburg, University of Chicago, PSE, UCM3, LISER, University of Rochester, JDC Conference, University of Michigan, UNHCR Colombia, RES IDB, UNHCR, IMF Research Department, VoxDev Lit Review, DOCG 2025, the Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration, EAFIT University, Wales Forum, DOCG 2025 (University of Bocconi and Cornell University), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and King's College London – 6th Workshop on Migration, World Bank (IFC, DECIG, HAEE2-EDU Operations Hub, Infrac, IED).

2023/2024: ESOC Bogotá, Princeton University, MIT, NYU-EGAP Meeting, George Mason University; 100 Year Anniversary Colombian Central Bank (Keynote Lecture); ESOC, Conference on Migration & Force Displacement; Georgetown University; World Bank DIME-KDI School 4th Development Impact Conference; American University; LAPOP Migration Learning Summit; Inter-American Development Bank, RES; WB Poverty Practice Latin America; Economic and Social Integration of Refugees and Immigrants (Naples); University of Turin-Collegio Carlo Alberto; University of Bocconi; NOVA University; Oxford University; Villanova University; George Washington University.

2022/2023: LEAP Conference, Bocconi University; Migration and Development Meeting. Nova University; CEGA, UC Berkeley; DIME IE WB Event: EI Impact Evaluation Technical Workshop: Moving Economic Inclusion to Scale; KCP 20 Years, DEC event WB; Oxford University: Forced Migration Evidence and Policy Challenges; Southern Economic Association, Immigration Policy I, Policy II, and Presidential Session; WB Social Sustainability and Inclusion Global Practice; ASSA 2023; EAFIT University; University of Virginia; WB BBL, WB Human Development Seminar; WADES Conference Georgetown University, ABCDE Conference at the World Bank, ESOC Conference at Universidad del Rosario.

2021/2022: 2nd EBRD & King's College London Workshop on the Economics and Politics of Migration; USC Marshall School of Business; Institut d' Economia de Barcelona; UC Chicago Pearson; CEGA, UC Berkeley-IPA-JDC Webinar on Refugees; 17th IZA Annual Migration Meeting; MENA Chief Economist Webinar, The World Bank; ABCDE 2021, The World Bank; 11 Migration and Development Conference; XIII RIDGE Forum, Labor Workshop; EAFIT University; XIII RIDGE Forum, Historical Development; XIII RIDGE Forum, Labor Forum; Universidad de los Andes, CEDE Department Seminar; Western Economic Association International CSWEP; EAFIT, Economics Department Seminar; Universidad del Rosario, Economics Department Seminar; University of Illinois, ACE Department Seminar; ITAM, Political Science Department Seminar; SEEDC 2021; ESOC 2021; Migration and Development Conference 2021; Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement, WB Seminar; LACEA; ITAM, Economics Department Seminar; CGD Research Seminar Series; Georgetown-WB Seminar Series (gui2de-WB); NEUDC 2021; ASSA 2022; Lille University; 2nd JDC Conference on Forced Displacement; WB Policy Research Talks; American University, School of Public Affairs; Universita Degli Studi Di Padova, Galilean

School of Higher Education; University of Duisburg-Essen/RWI Essen; Building the Evidence on Forced Displacement Series.

2020/2021: 1st JDC Conference on Forced Displacement; European Economic Association; the Economics of Migration Webinar; 13th Migration and Development Conference; Louisiana State University; 10th Annual Conference on Immigration in OECD Countries; Collegio Carlo Alberto and Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano; Stanford Development Group; Yale Refugee Program; DEC World Bank Group.

2018/2019: Pacific Development Conference, USC; SOLE 2019, Arlington; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting, UCSD; CEGA Convening on Refugees and Migration, UC Berkeley; Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University; UC Santa Barbara Econ; 11th Migration and Development Conference at Stanford University; Southern California Applied Conference; Workshop of the On the Impacts of Refugees in Hosting Economies, USC; Interdisciplinary Migration Conference at Yale University; Migration Initiative Inter-American Development Bank; University of California San Diego, Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting.

2016/2017: Western Economic Association International; Society of Labor Economics; Population Association of America; The Political Economy of Democracy and Dictatorship; Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Summer Forum; European Economic Association; UCLA Econ; CESR-USC; Latin American Economic Association.

2014/2015: Population Association of America (Washington DC); RAND; USC (Center for Economic Research, Economics Department, Marshall School of Business); UC-Berkeley (Public Policy); Inter-American Development Bank; Harvard University; Impact Evaluation Network (LACEA); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; International Society for the Study of Drug Policy; UCLA LA Institute and America Latina Crime and Policy Network; Latin American Economic Association; 4th Inter. Technology, Education and Development Conference; International Institute of Social and Economic Research; International Society for the Study of Drug Policy; Michigan State University.

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate).

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Applied, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Review: Policy, Review of Economic and Statistics, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, American Political Science Review, Nature, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Health Economics, World Development, Demography, Journal of Population Economics, Migration Studies, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, European Political Science Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics Journal, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, International Journal of Drug Policy Analysis.